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Enclosed please find a response to the December 21, 2005 Office Action in the above referenced application.

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Serial No.: 09/965,750) Group Art Unit: 3639					
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Title:

POSTAGE SYSTEM HAVING TELEPHONE ANSWERING AND

MESSAGE RETRIEVAL CAPABILITY

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents PO BOX 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

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Sir:

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Office Action ("Office Action"). A response is due March 21, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Entry of the following amendment and consideration of the enclosed remarks are respectfully requested. The following sections are enclosed:

- 1. Amendments to the Claims; and
- 2. Remarks.

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